

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Inventors: Alan DICKINSON et al.)	Confirmation No. 4937
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Appln. No.: 10/516,496)	Group Art Unit: 2853
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Filed: December 1, 2004)	Examiner: Shah, M.S.
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Title: COMPOSITIONS AND INKS CONTAINING)	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 5, 2008 the applicants request reconsideration of this application, with allowance.

The present response is being filed pursuant to telephone exchange between the undersigned counsel and the Examiner. Counsel noted in his message to the Examiner on June 18, 2008 that the issues raised by the Examiner in the most recent action had already been dealt with by the applicants in their response filed on March 11, 2008 to the earlier Office Action of December 13, 2007. In said earlier response, the applicants had amended the claims to obviate the basis for the Examiner's Section 112, 2nd ¶ rejection regarding use of the term "optionally substituted", noting that the reference to "optionally metallized" had been retained in the claims as the alternatives involved, i.e. metallized or not metallized, were evident from the claim language. See page 9, 3rd ¶ of the earlier response.

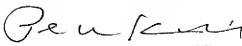
The applicants also argued the Examiner's Section 103(a) rejections. See the comments at pages 9 to 11 of the earlier response, incorporated herein by reference. The Examiner is requested to reconsider his rejections of record in view

of the forgoing and the applicants' earlier response, the contents of which are incorporated herein.

The application is thought to be allowable, for the reasons noted herein and in the applicants' earlier response, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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